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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH EGYPTIAN AMB MANSOUR

RE: CAIRO 6960 (NOTAL)

1. DURING SEPT 10 CALL ON EGYPTIAN AMB MANSOUR, HE SAID EGYPT HAD A CLEAR NATIONAL INTEREST IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN STABILITY AND WAS THEREFORE FOLLOWING CYPRUS DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY. REVIEWING PRESENT SITUATION, WE AGREED ON IMPORTANCE OF NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HAVE BEGUN UNDER UN AEGIS BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADERS.

2. I POINTED TO POSSIBILITY THAT IN ABSENCE OF COORDINATED ACTION BY RESPONSIBLE NATIONS INTERESTED IN A PERMANENT AND EQUITABLE SOLUTION TO CYPRUS PROBLEM, UNGA DISCUSSION COULD PRODUCE A RESULT DETERIMENTAL TO THE NICOSIA NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS. IT LOOKED AS IF MAKARIOS WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH SIZE OF UN UMBRELLA EXTENDED OVER NEGOTIATION AND WOULD, IN HIS OWN WORDS, BE PUSHING TO "INTERNATIONAL-

IZE" THE ARENA AT MINIMUM BY INCLUSION PERMANENT SC MEMBERS. TO THIS EMB IT LOOKED AS IF WE WERE IN FOR A LOT OF FOOLISH AND DISRUPTIVE, BUT PROBABLY INEVITABLE, RHETORIC.

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3. IN ANSER TO MANSOUR'S QUESTION AS TO WHAT EGYPT COULD TO IN SITUATION DESCRIBED, I MADE PERSONAL SUGGESTION THAT GOE MIGHT CONSIDER HAVING A FRANK DISCUSSION WITH MAKARIOS, IF NOT BEFORE THEN AT LEAST SHORTLY AFTER HIS EXPECTED ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK. MAKARIOS HAD LONG CULTIVATED SUPPORT OF NON-ALIGNED GROUP AND ITS LEADERS SUCH AS EGYPT AND YUGOSLAVIA. HE WOULD GIVE WEIGHT TO THEIR VIEWS. IT COULD BE CONSTRUCTIVE FOR ARCHBISHOP TO UNDERSTAND THAT GOE REGARDED CLERIDES/DENKTASH NICOSIA NEGOTIATION UNDER AEGIS OF UNSYG SPECIAL REP AND WITH POSSIBLE LATER DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION FROM GREECE AND TURKEY, AS BEST VEHICLE GOING; THAT ENLARGED PARTICIPATION WOULD NOT BE USEFUL AT THIS TIME; THAN IN UNGA EGYPT WOULD USE ITS INFLUENCE IN A MANNER SUPPORTIVE OF THESE TALKS AND WOULD NOT APPROVE INITIATIVES WORKING AT CROSS PURPOSES.

4. AMB MANSOUR SAID THIS SOUNDED LIKE AN ACCEPTABLE AND RESPONSIBLE POSITION ON THE PART OF EGYPT.

5. WOULD HOPE THAT IN OUR REPLY TO FAHMY (REFTEL) WE COULD FEED IN THIS ELEMENT. EGYPT COULD BE AN IMPORTANT ASSEST IN HELPING KEEP CYPRUS DEBATE IN GUNGA WITHIN ACCEPTABLE BOUNDS.

6. MAKARIOS HAS BEEN PICKING UP MOMENTUM AND IS NOW MOVING FAST. WE NEED TO ACT QUICKLY BUT DISCREETLY IN EFFORT CONTAIN THE DAMAGE HE CAN DO. CRAWFORD

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